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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ISRAELI TRANSFER TO SPAIN OF M68 CANNONS/M140 MOUNT COMBINATIONS; U.S. EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR TANK RETROFIT KITS

REF: (A) MADRID 6510 (DTG 091539Z JUN 78)
(B) STATE 144024(DTG 071709Z JUN 78) (NOTAL)

1. SPANISH ARMY HAS YET TO RESPOND TO OUR QUERIES (REF A) ABOUT ITS PLANS FOR UPGUNNING AND RETROFITTING SPANISH M-48 TANKS BEYOND STATING INFORMALLY THAT THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER REVIEW AND THAT (CONTRARY TO WHAT WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM CHRYSLER ESPANA) THE CONTRACT WITH CHRYSLER IS NOT YET FIRM.

2. FROM A KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE MAAG HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE LARGELY SPANISH GOVERNMENT-OWNED (AND ARMY-CONTROLLED) FIRM, INDUSTRIAS SANTA BARBARA, HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUBMITTING AN OFFER, SOMETHING WHICH COULD BE DESIGNED TO TAKE UP SLACK IN ITS OWN AMX 30 PRODUCTION LINE.
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3. IT ALSO REMAINS POSSIBLE THAT A FINAL GO-AHEAD ON THE PROGRAM ITSELF HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN BY THE SPANISH DEFENSE MINISTRY.

4. IF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE, THE EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS LISTED IN REF B WOULD APPEAR RELATED

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TO A CHRYSLER EXPECTATION OF SALE, RATHER THAN AN ACTUAL SALE. IN ANY EVENT, THE QUANTITIES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE NUMBER OF TANKS AVAILABLE HERE FOR UPGUNNING AND RETROFIT, AND THE PROJECT IS APPROPRIATE TO SPANISH ARMY MODERNIZATION EFFORTS. EATON

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